

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following full paragraph to the specification between the end of the first full paragraph of page 1, ending at line 10, and the start of the second full paragraph of page 1, beginning at line 12:

Known from EP 0 781 881 A1 is a method for washing machines which, in order to improve the washing effect, especially for faster wetting of the laundry, has phases during the washing and/or rinsing process during which the laundry drum is operated intermittently and reversingly at low and moderate speeds. During single such rotary movements the laundry drum is briefly brought to an average spinning speed. The acceleration of the laundry drum to the spinning speed is only allowed in a single direction of rotation during run down. As a result of these spinning phases the laundry is pressed strongly against the drum jacket especially when the laundry drum is fully loaded so that after such a spinning phase the laundry is redistributed by so-called drag ribs affixed to the wall of the laundry drum during the rotation phases at low and/or medium speed. A disadvantage with this method is that the speeds of the spinning phases are so high that after such a spinning section the laundry remains adhered to the drum wall for a while and must only be released from the drum wall during the following rotation phases. In this method, this release of the laundry is substantially brought about by the washing solution present in the laundry drum whereby however, no regrouping of items of laundry lying on the drum wall from outside into the interior of a laundry batch is achieved. This has a disadvantageous effect on the uniformity of the washing action inside a batch of washing.

Please add the following full paragraph to the specification between the end of the third full paragraph of page 1, ending at line 31, and the start of the last paragraph of page 1, beginning at line 33:

A further method is known from WO 03/010380 A1, which comprises several phases in which the laundry drum of a washing machine is driven at respectively different speeds and/or speed sequences during the washing and rinsing process. Within these phases the laundry drum is only operated intermittently at a spinning speed. As in the aforesaid methods no specific redistribution of exterior items of laundry of a batch of laundry into the interior area of the same is sufficiently brought about in this method, especially when the laundry drum is fully loaded.